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Temple City Man Charged with Killing Neighbor

A man was charged today with fatally shooting his Temple City neighbor this past Monday, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Massimo Barbagallo (dob 5/6/73) faces one count of murder with an allegation of using a handgun to cause death.

Barbagallo pleaded not guilty to the charge and is expected to return on Aug. 9 in Department 5 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Alhambra Branch.

The defendant was charged with shooting the unarmed victim at close range during a dispute on July 15, the prosecutor said. Cristian Jonathan Alarcon, 26, died as a result of his injuries.

Bail is set at \$3 million. Barbagallo faces a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison.

Case GA106148 remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.